IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

13. (New) A system for programming a clinical device to deliver medication to a patient comprising:

a first processor having a memory in which is stored identification data and clinical device operation parameters for programming the clinical device to deliver the medication to the patient;

means for detecting an identity of the patient comprising a passive identification system capable of detecting the patient's identity independent of any action by the patient or a care-giver, the means for detecting in communication with the first processor for input of identification data to the first processor;

a second processor in communication with the clinical device and the first processor, the second processor configured to receive clinical device operating parameters from the first processor and download those clinical device operating parameters to the clinical device to program the clinical device to deliver the medication to the patient in accordance with the downloaded clinical device operating parameters in response to an acceptable comparison of the detected identification data communicated to the first processor and the identification data stored in the memory of the first processor.

14. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the passive identification system comprises an RF transponder.

15. (New) The system of claim 14 further comprising an identification device located on an individual;

wherein the RF transponder interacts with the identification device to provide a signal to the first processor representing the identity of the individual.

16. (New) The system of claim 15 wherein the identification device comprises an electrical circuit.

17. (New) A system for programming a clinical device to deliver medication to a patient comprising:

a first processor having a memory in which is stored identification data and clinical device operation parameters for programming the clinical device to deliver the medication to the patient;

a sensor in communication with the first processor, the sensor including circuit means for transmitting a query signal and for receiving identification data communicated to the sensor in response thereto, wherein the received identification data is communicated to the first processor;

a passive identification device located on a patient including means responsive to the query signal to communicate identification data representative of an identity of the patient to the sensor;

a second processor in communication with the clinical device and the first processor, the second processor configured to receive clinical device operating parameters from the first processor and download those clinical device operating parameters to the clinical device to program the clinical device to deliver the medication to the patient in accordance with the downloaded clinical device operating parameters in response to an acceptable comparison of the received identification data communicated to the first processor and the identification data stored in the memory of the first processor.

18. (New) A system for programming a clinical device to deliver medication to a patient comprising:

a first processor having a memory in which is stored patient identification data and clinical device operation parameters for programming the clinical device to deliver the medication to the patient;

a second processor in communication with the clinical device and the first processor, the second processor configured to receive from the first processor stored identification data and clinical device operating parameters from the first processor and capable of downloading the clinical device operating parameters to the clinical device to program the clinical device to deliver the medication to the patient;

an identification device located on the patient, the identification device including patient identification data representative of an identity of the patient, wherein

the identification device is a passive device configured to provide patient identification data upon being queried by a sensor in communication with the second processor configured to detect the identification device and retrieve the patient identification data from the passive device and provide the identification data to the second processor without interaction by the patient or a care-giver;

wherein the second processor compares the detected patient identification data from the sensor to the stored identification data; and

wherein the second processor downloads the clinical device operating parameters associated with the patient treatment data to the clinical device to program the clinical device in accordance with the downloaded operating parameters in response to an acceptable comparison of the stored identification data to the detected identification data by the second processor.